

EURON Research Proposal Evaluation

Every 6 months the EURON NOE publishes a call for proposals for ad-hoc research projects (Prospective Research Projects), focussed studies (Research Ateliers), and Special Interest Groups of specific topics in the areas of Robotics.

Two external experts evaluate the proposals by electronic transmission. The experts are to be independent of the submitted proposals. Completed evaluation reports are returned to the coordinator by fax and hardcopy, incl a statement of no conflict of interest.

Upon receipt of the completed review reports a consensus meeting is organised by the coordinator with participation of 4 EURON Board Members. At the consensus meeting all received evaluation reports are considered and a consensus on the overall evaluation is reached and recorded in the consensus report, which is signed by a reporter and an associated consensus meeting member. The result of the consensus meeting is reported to the consortium.

A result of the consensus meeting is also a recommended ranking of all proposals, for consideration by the EURON board which makes a final decision regarding funding for each proposal.

The evaluation procedure and the forms used for the evaluation are all directly adopted from the CEC 6th framework programme document "Guide for Proposers – Participating in a competitive call for additional contractors in an EU 6th framework programme project – Network of Excellence", Version 26 October 2004. Available from

ftp://ftp.cordis.lu/pub/fp6/docs/guide_competitive_noe-final_ep_en.pdf